



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 695	Assembly Amendments 1 and 2
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Under **current law**, with limited exceptions, no one may operate a single vehicle that exceeds 40 feet in length without obtaining a permit from the Department of Transportation (DOT).

2003 Assembly Bill 695, as amended by Assembly Amendments 1 and 2, creates an exception for a two-vehicle combination that is used to transport **livestock** and that does not exceed 75 feet in length if both of the following apply:

1. The **towing vehicle** is not a motor truck, truck tractor, road tractor, or combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or actual gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less (Assembly Amendment 1).
2. The **trailer**, measured as required by s. 348.07 (3) (b) Stats., is not longer than 53 feet, and the trailer axles are either separated by at least eight feet or are three axles in tandem (Assembly Amendment 2).

Legislative History

On February 24, 2004, Assembly Bill 695 (as amended by Assembly Amendments 1 and 2, both of which were adopted on a voice vote) passed the Assembly on a vote of Ayes, 94; Noes, 3. On March 4, 2004, the Senate concurred in the bill on a vote of Ayes, 32; Noes, 1.

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